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## **San Diego Police Department**

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### **OFFICERS ASSIST VIETNAM VETERAN**

On May 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 (1348 hours), over the Memorial Day weekend, Officers Eric Cooper and Milo Shields were on patrol when they spotted an elderly male in a motorized scooter which had broken down on the south sidewalk of 7500 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

The Officers contacted Gilbert Larocque, a 67 year old Vietnam veteran who was dependent on his power scooter as a result of wounds received in combat. Officers Cooper and Shields determined that the wheelchair was having battery issues and was completely inoperative.

Rather than leave the wheelchair and drive Mr. Larocque home, Officers Cooper and Shields decided to push Mr. Larocque home in his wheelchair on which he depends. Officers Cooper and Shields pushed Mr. Larocque all the way to his home at the north end of the Hickman Field Trailer Park, a distance of +/- one mile.

Mr. Larocque was extremely grateful that these officers were willing to go above and beyond the call of duty, pushing him and his power scooter all the way home.

Mr. Larocque is available for contact at (858) 565-4942

A short video clip of the incident is attached via e-mail.

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